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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT : CORONA/J Program Review

1. This memorandum is for your information.

2. You probably have seen the attached cables: [Redacted]

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3. While on the surface we cannot argue with the review objectives; investigation of test and checkout procedures (emphasizing identification of failure causation in recent flights) and the review of cost estimates associated with cancellation of J configuration development; the tremendous Agency concern for CORONA, the J configuration and particularly the evolution and management of the AP facility seems to argue persuasively for coordination with the Director prior to Dr. McMillan's initiation of these actions. While legitimate on the surface, this indifference to Agency involvement cannot be ignored without significant erosion of Agency participation in these matters.

4. I am sure the investigation will be objective, especially if there is an awareness that the Agency has a vested interest which it intends to exercise. I, nevertheless, want to underscore the action of Greer in sending us [Redacted] and thereby directly calling our attention to his instructions, as evidence of his awareness and concern for Agency interests.

5. As you know, I feel pursuit of these subjects rests with you and the Director's office.

NRO review(s) completed.

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Attachments

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